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FROM: Cairo

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 21, January 7, 1 p.m.

Hau received in audience by King yesterday afternoon and with help of carefully prepared notes conveyed to him informally and orally purport your confidential verbatim telegram 1695 of December 26, 5 p.m.

Farouk listened attentively to points as I developed them and then, with reference to expressed hope that Egypt would set example in restraint, stated there was nothing that he could do, even if he wanted to, to prevail upon other Arab states to curb their proposed action or to influence their attitude. Arab countries, he said, had made firm decision and they intended to carry it out. He added that tenor of my remarks reminded him strangely of what late President Roosevelt had said to him on same subject at time of their meeting on canal in 1945. He qualified my remarks as "very optimistic" as to the future particularly in connection with the expressed belief that acquiescence on part of Arab states in UNGA decision on Palestine would remove that area as disturbing influence in international affairs.

He showed interest in the reasons given for US Government support of partition and in assurance that no undue pressure was brought upon other countries by US governmental officials responsible to executive. This

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latter assurance, he added, was contrary to reliable information which he had previously obtained.

I am forced to the conclusion that our arguments failed to convince him and have in no way changed his views.

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